

This application is a divisional of U.S. Serial No. 10/047,927, filed January 14, 2002, now U.S. Patent No. 6,669,635, issued December 30, 2003, which is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 09/428,720, filed October 28, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,379,302, issued April 30, 2002. The disclosures of the above applications and/or patents are incorporated herein by reference.

REMARKS

Claims 1-51 are pending in the application. Of these pending claims, Claims 1-21 and 25-51 stand allowed; and Claims 22-24 stand rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 12-13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,379,302. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner's position that the claims are not patentably distinct over the above-noted patents. However, in order to expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicants are enclosing herewith a Terminal Disclaimer, 3.73 Statement, along with the appropriate fee under 37 CFR §1.20(d), to overcome this rejection. As such, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn and the application should now be in condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

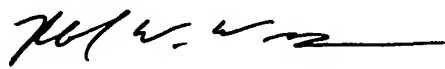
It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicants therefore respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

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